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SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

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1. GOJ HAS BEEN CONCERNED WITH ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN
KINGSTON FOR SOME TIME. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS MINISTER
OF STATE IN PM'S OFFICE, DUDLEY THOMPSON, HAS VISITED
A NUMBER OF CAPITALS AT BEHEST OF PM MANLEY TO OBTAIN
PRIOR AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.
IT IS ALSO OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MANLEY INTENDS TO
STRESS COMMONWEALTH COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC MATTERS.
DEPUTY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD ECONOFF THAT
LOME AGREEMENT PROVIDED ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ACP COUNTRIES HOPED TO OBTAIN.

2. GOJ ALREADY DEEPLY INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR
HOUSING, SECURITY, ETC., FOR LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATES,
PRESS, ETC., NOW EXPECTED TO ATTEND. THREE MAIN
HOTELS IN DOWNTOWN KINGSTON WILL BE FILLED ENTIRELY
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BY DELEGATES ONLY, AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PRESS,

OBSERVERS, ETC., ALREADY AT PREMIUM. UK ASSISTING GOJ WITH PLANS FOR SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING PROVISION OF SECURITY SPECIALISTS. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE TIGHTER THAN THOSE FOR LAST YEAR'S ACP-EEC CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH AMB AND PAO INVITED TO CONFERENCE OPENING, EMB REPS UNABLE ENTER PEGASUS HOTEL, WHERE SESSIONS TAKING PLACE, DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF CONFERENCE. AS RESULT, EMBASSY REPORTING NECESSARILY CONFINED TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PERSONAL CONTACTS, PRESS, ETC. ALTHOUGH GOJ HAS HOSTED LARGE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS IN LAST TWO YEARS, IT IS EVIDENT THAT THIS ONE WILL STRAIN ITS RESOURCES TO THE LIMIT.

3. EMBASSY PLANS REPORT ON CONFERENCE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE GIVEN OUR RESOURCES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SUBJECTS IN WHICH DEPT HAS SPECIAL INTEREST. IF GREATLY EXPANDED OR SPECIALIZED REPORTING FROM COMMONWEALTH STANDPOINT REQUIRED, DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER SENDING SPECIALIST IN COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS FOR CONFERENCE PERIOD.

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